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1. WE EXPECT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN RECOUPMENTS OVER
RECENT PAST EXPERIENCE, BASED ON PROPOSED SHAPE PRO-
GRAMMING OF HIGH-VALUE AIRFIELD FACILITIES PREFINANCED BY
USAFE. COLUMN 3 (FY79) UNDER PARA 1 OF REFTEL SHOULD
THEREFORE BE CHANGED TO 90.0, 70.0, 20.0, AND 90.0,
READING DOWN IN THAT ORDER.

2. RE YOUR REQUEST (PARA 2, REFTEL) FOR A MONTHLY PHASED
OBLIGATION PLAN, YOU WILL RECALL OUR PREVIOUS EXPLANA-
TIONS OF WHY IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE
AMOUNTS THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS AND PROGRESS
COMMITTEE (PPC) WILL BE CALLED UPON TO AUTHORIZE IN A GIVEN
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MEETING OR IN ANY MONTH. THE US OBLIGATION RATE DEPENDS
NOT ONLY ON THE CONTENT OF THE PPC AGENDAS, WHICH MAY
CHANGE AT THE LAST MINUTE, BUT ALSO ON THE PPC DECISIONS
WHICH DERIVE FROM THE POSITIONS OF THE 12 REGULAR MEMBERS
(LESS FRANCE, ICELAND AND LUXEMBOURG). WE HAVE USED IAU
ONE MILLION IN AUTHORIZATIONS PER MEETING AS A RULE OF
THUMB, BUT A LARGE PROJECT LIKE NICS TARE, CIP67 OR THE

SHAPE WHQ CAN EASILY BALLOON THIS TO 5, 10, OR EVEN 20
MILLION. THE PROBLEM IS PREDICTING ON WHICH OF THE 38-40
PPC AGENDAS PER YEAR THESE OUTSIZE PROJECTS WILL APPEAR
AND WHAT THE COMMITTEE WILL DO WITH THEM. IN SUM, WHILE
WE APPRECIATE WASHINGTON INTEREST IN MORE ACCURATE AND
DETAILED INFRASTRUCTURE FORECASTING, WE BELIEVE WE ARE
CURRENTLY DOING ALL THAT IS FEASIBLE GIVEN THE FACTORS
ENTIRELY BEYOND OUR CONTROL. BENNETT

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